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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : **Paul H. Steen**

Serial No. : 10/072,404

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For : **A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
CONTINUOUS CASTING OF A MOLTEN  
MATERIAL**



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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**Box:**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In The Specification:

Please add the following sentence beginning at page 1, line 3 as the first sentence following the title:

--This invention was made with Government support from the National Science Foundation (NSF) under Grant No. DMI-9712520. The Government has certain rights in the invention.--

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### REMARKS

Applicant has amended the specification as indicated herein. The above-identified patent application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121, attached as Appendix A is a Version With Markings to Show Changes Made.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Appendix A**

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